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In re Patent Application of:  
Kröger et al.

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For: METHOD FOR ZYMOTIC PRODUCTION  
OF FINE CHEMICALS CONTAINING  
SULPHUR (META)

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Examiner: Meah, M. Y.

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Applicants respond to the Office Action dated May 4, 2006. A petition for an extension of time with the required fee is attached. Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.